

KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2002

KCASAAB Members Present: Linda Brown, Joan Clement, Nancy Code, Pam Detrick, Roger Goodman, Jim Harbaugh, Bob Seidensticker, Scott Strawn

KCASAAB Members Excused: Yasmin Smith

Staff Attending: Sherry Hamilton, Jackie MacLean, Geoff Miller, Rhoda Naguit, Amnon Shoenfeld, Jim Vollendroff

Guests Present: Pat Knox, Recovery Centers of King County; Norm Johnson, Evergreen Treatment Services; Al Sweeten, Seattle Indian Board

The regular monthly meeting of the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board (KCASAAB) was convened at 12:05 p.m. at the Conference Room of the Dutch Shisler Sobering Center, 1930 Boren Avenue in Seattle.

I. INTRODUCTION

All the attendees introduced themselves.

II. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joan Clement moved and Roger Goodman seconded the motion to approve the joint board meeting minutes of June 11, 2002 as submitted. The motion was passed and the minutes were unanimously approved.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Before proceeding with her report, Board Chair Brown acknowledged the presence of Jim Vollendroff, the newly hired A/D Coordinator/MHCADSD Assistant Manager.

A. Review and Approval of Revised Board ByLaws

Board Chair Brown gave the board members additional time to take a final look at the revised Board ByLaws before taking action on the document.

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Scott Strawn made a motion, which was seconded by Jim Harbaugh, to approve the Board ByLaws as presented. The motion was passed and unanimously approved.

B. Discussion on CHAT Fate

Doug Stevenson, Committee staff for the King County Council, invited Board Chair Brown to represent the Board at a hearing conducted by Council member Larry Gossett on Thursday, July 11th. Councilmember Larry Gossett wants to conduct a full discussion of the implications of closing CHAT and NRF. The discussion is occurring in the context of the County Council's consideration of the Adult Justice Operational Master Plan and the current budget crisis in the County.

As Board's representative to this hearing, Board Chair Brown reviewed her understanding of the Board's concerns including the importance of maintaining residential treatment capacity in King County, ensuring access to residential treatment for individuals who are not in the criminal justice system, and the potential for increased use of expensive resources such as emergency rooms and psychiatric hospitals if treatment resources are not available. The Board agreed that these were the primary concerns and individual Board members identified information to support these concerns.

C. August 2002 Meeting

It has been a practice in the past that board meeting does not meet in August. In view of the number of important issues that are pending, the Board decided to meet in August this year. Other board members conceded. Joan Clement and Bob Seidensticker have asked to be excused next month due to previous commitments.

D. Board Liaison's Report

Nancy Code: At the last meeting of the Children and Family Commission (C&FC), they discussed about developing a partnership between local businesses and government. It was also announced that C&FC is now a part of the Seattle-King County Department of Public Health.

Roger Goodman: At the June 26th meeting of the Legislative Advocacy and Public Affairs Joint Board Committee, the group discussed the 2002 Action Plan and "hot" issues for the coming legislative session.

The committee, with administrative support from Division staff, will continue to work on determining the Legislative priorities for the MH and CD Board for the upcoming legislative session.

The Division is still looking for a venue in the south end for the Legislative Forum in October. Pam Detrick relayed the offer of the administration of Seattle University to host the forum, if another venue cannot be located.

The committee also exchanged ideas on how to make this year's program more engaging for the legislators to get them interested to attend the event.

Roger also reported that he met with Representative Helen Sommers and Representative Al O'Brien to discuss how legislators could assist local criminal justice systems in reducing cost while improving offender accountability and public safety and reducing recidivism. CD treatment is an important component of this approach. The Washington State legislature has promoted progressive and sound criminal justice policies under the Offender Accountability Act and through sentencing reform.

Joan Clement: CPI and SIAC are in the process of integrating the two meetings.

Jim Harbaugh: Mental Health Advisory Board focused their discussion on budget shortfall.

IV. MANAGER'S REPORT

Jackie MacLean informed the board that due to her recent appointment as Director of the Department of Community and Human Services, she will no longer regularly attend the board meeting.

A. Legislative Briefing Paper

The document is almost done except for some cosmetic work on two items. The draft document will be mailed to the board members for their input as soon as it is completed. Any comments or suggestions should be sent to Jackie.

B. Personnel Update

Copies of the latest org chart were distributed and Jackie walked the Board through the document. She informed the board that Rhoda Naguit will be staffing both the Chemical Dependency and Mental Health boards effective this month.

Due to budget shortfall, the Division will layoff two staff administrative office staff members. Their names are being withheld pending formal notification of the staff concerned. Jackie explained that the process used in determining layoffs focused on work requirements and was in no way based on individual performance.

C. Proposed Methadone Clinics in two Counties

There is a proposal to establish methadone clinics in Pierce and Thurston counties. A public hearing sponsored by the Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA) has been scheduled to obtain public comments on two opiate substitution treatment programs (OTPs). This will be on Monday, July 15, 2002 at 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Branch Library, 6300 Wildaire Road S.W., Lakewood in Tacoma.

Western Clinical Health Services, Inc. has filed an application with DASA for the certification of a new treatment center to be located in Pierce County; while the Evergreen Treatment Services has applied for a new treatment center to be located in Thurston County. The two service agencies are both DASA certified to provide OTPs in King County. DASA will conduct a review of the applications as required by state laws and administrative codes.

D. Utilization Monthly Report

Copies of the Utilization report from January to June 2002 were distributed. Geoff walked the board through the document. He noted a 100% utilization of detox bed days and commended Recovery Centers of King County management and staff for their efforts in making this happen. He also recognized MHCADSD Staff Cindy Bergh and Mike Elsner for providing technical assistance to RCKC. The Emergency Service Patrol utilization has been consistent over the last year. The missed appointment rate at the King County Assessment Center has decreased by 20% largely due to the work of Rose Soo Hoo and Rocky Fincher.

As a side note, Jackie announced that the six men selected to go to Yakima COD pilot project will go tomorrow.

E. CD and Prevention Report Card

Geoff distributed copies of the CD Report Card Draft. The format of the proposed Report Card will determine the kinds of data collected to track and evaluate the effectiveness of the service delivery system. This is an important and labor intensive endeavor. The board asked to be given more time to review the document and to provide input. It was decided to table this for August board meeting.

V. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

After a short introduction, Ron Jackson and Pat Knox made a presentation about the Clinical Trials Network (CTN) program.

Ron gave a brief background of the creation of this network, which is a multisite national program designed to bridge the gap between research and practices. CTN programs link researchers with clinicians in treatment centers with the goal of using research findings, to improve the quality of drug abuse treatment in the nation through fostering researcher and practitioner partnerships. CTN is a forum for blending research and practice. It also provides a bi-directional communication between researchers and providers. The CTN in Washington includes researches at the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute at the University of Washington and provider agencies in several counties.

Ron and Pat provided a detailed handout with information on Washington CTN as well as information about the national program that should be referred to for more complete information about the program

The Washington Node is composed of eight community providers which include, Recovery Centers of King County, Residence XII, Kitsap Recovery Center, Vancouver Veterans Administration Medical Center, Evergreen Treatment Services, Triumph, Evergreen Manor, and Providence. NIDA and the providers govern the Regional Research.

The national CTN Steering Committee is meeting in Seattle on August 12-14, 2002 with King County Executive Ron Sims giving a brief talk on August 13th in the morning. On August 12th, there will be a public meeting where individuals will have an opportunity to interact with leading researchers and national administrators involved in the CTN project. This meeting will be held at Sheraton Hotel starting at 8:30 a.m.

For further information on CTN, log on to www.nida.nih.gov/CTN/Index.htm

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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Linda Brown
Board Chair

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